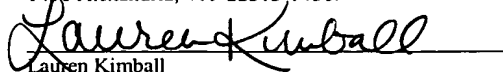


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Vishal Gauri and Raashina Humayun

For: **SELECTIVE GAP-FILL PROCESS**

Assigned to: Novellus Systems, Inc.

Application Elements:

- ☒ **26** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ **7** Sheets of formal Drawings
- ☒ **2** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
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- ☒ Other: Patent Application Cover Sheet

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	39	MINUS	20	= 19	x 18 =	342.00
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[] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	0
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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

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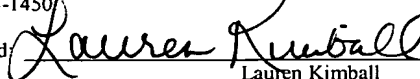
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